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247 CHURCHES EXCEED LAST YEAR'S TOTAL AND 257 ARE YET TO EQUAL THEIR SUMS

During the Month of January 27 Churches Were Transferred to the Positive Side of the Ledger.—This is Encouragement to Officials

TWO MONTHS REMAIN IN FISCAL YEAR

The 257 Churches Are Behind $14,569.71—Seventeen Are in Arrears a Total of $8,783.50; Other 240 Are Behind $5,785.67

CHURCHES AHEAD

Almost half of the churches in the North Carolina Synod, 247 of them, to be exact, had equalled or exceeded their giving to Barium during 1932-1933 when the books were closed at the Orphanage on January 31st. This was an increase of 27 over that tabulation prepared for the previous month, and in that 27 were three churches which did not give anything during last year and one which exactly equalled its total for 1932-33.

As matters stand now, there are three churches which have reported identical amounts for the two years: Eagle Springs and Four Oaks in Fayetteville Presbytery, and the new one this month was Henderlite Memorial in Albemarle Presbytery. In last month's Messenger, it was stated that 41 churches, new-comers to the support fund this year, were included in those which had exceeded the previous year, and the addition of three others this month brought this total to 44.

Granville Presbytery was the only Presbytery without a church being transferred to this list this month, while Wilmington Presbytery had seven transfers for the largest number. The distribution of these 247 churches according to Presbyteries is as follows:

Albemarle 18; Concord 31; Fayetteville 40; Granville 17; Kings Mountain 16; Mecklenburg 34; Orange 29; Wilmington 41; and Winston-Salem 21.

Following are the churches, with the exception of the three named above, who have given more in 1933-34 than in 1932-33:

Albemarle

Ahoskie, Ballard Mission, Bethlehem, Calvary, Falkland, Fountain, Howard Memorial, Jason, Kinston, Macclesfield, Mayo Mission, Mitchiner Memorial, Nahalah, Pinetops, Robinson, Rocky Mt. Second, Wilson.

Concord

Bayless Memorial, Bethany, Bethesda, Cleveland, Clio, Concord Iredell, Concord Second, Elmwood, Fairview, Franklin, Harmony, Kannapolis, Landis, Marion, Mooresville Second, Morganton, Newton, New Salem, Park Place, Patterson, Salisbury First, Salisbury Second, Sevier, Shearer, Sherrill's Ford, Shiloh, Statesville First, Stony Point, Tabor, Taylorsville, Third Creek.

Fayetteville

Antioch, Ashpole, Benson, Bethel, Buie's Creek, Bunnlevel, Cameron Hill, Cape Fear, Centre, Comfort, Culdee, Elise, Ephesus, Erwin, Eureka, Fairmont, Flat Branch, Galatia, Gibson, Hope Mills, Iona, Jackson Springs, Leaflet, Lumber Bridge, Maxton, Midway, Mile Branch, Parkton, Pembroke, Philadelphus, Providence, Raeford, Sherwood, St. Pauls, Union, Vass, Verona, West End.

Granville

Buffalo Vanguard, Center Ridge, Fellowship, Fairview, Fuller Memorial, Geneva, Goshen, Gruver Memorial, Kenly, Littleton, Oakland, Progressive, Southard's Mission, Springhill, St. Andrews, White Oak, Young Memorial.

Kings Mountain

Armstrong Memorial, Bessemer City, Cherryville, Duncan Creek, Forest City, Goshen, Hepzibah, Iron Station, Long Creek, Macpelah, Olney, Riverbend, Spindale, Tryon, Unity, West Avenue.

Mecklenburg

Badin, Bethlehem, Biscoe, Camden, Candor, Central Steel Creek, Ellerbe, Hamlet, Huntersville, Indian Trail, Lee Park, Locust, Matthews, Marks Creek, Mt Gilead, McLean Memorial,

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CHURCHES BEHIND

When the books closed at Barium on January 31st the record showed that 257 churches in the Synod of North Carolina are yet to equal their 1932-33 totals, and the composite sum which these 257 churches are behind is $14.569.17. Even if a penny was not sent by those churches which are already ahead and these churches that are behind could give the above amount, the 1933-34 total would be more than in 1932-33.

It was a joy to Barium officials to transfer 27 of the churches listed last month as being behind to that other list of churches which have either equalled or gone beyond their previous year's figure. That was a goodly number, but the joy would have been much greater had this been at least a hundred.

Seventeen of the churches of the Synod, whose amounts today are at least $200.00 less than 1932-33, are behind a total of $8,783.50, which is over half of the total for the 257 churches. In other words, 17 churches lack $8,783.50 of coming up to last year's mark, and 240 others lack a combined total of $5,785.67. Among those 17 are two churches who are behind a total together of $2,690.29. It is perfectly evident from this that the decrease in income at the Orphanage is largely due to those churches which give large amounts each year, the larger churches, and not to the smaller ones in the Synod.

Churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery are behind the greatest amount, $3,654.10. The amounts needed by churches in other Presbyteries are Albemarle, $399.32, the lowest; Concord, $1309.74; Fayetteville, $1126.-70; Granville, $1705.28; Kings Mountain, $781.74; Orange, $2910.31; Wilmington, $1011.94, and Winston-Salem, $1671.04.

Following are the churches and amounts necessary in the last two months of the church year to equal their 1932-33 total:

Albemarle	
Anderson	**4.20**
Bear Grass	**.10**
Cann Mem.	41.31
Farmville	3.99
Goldsboro	79.78
Greenville	**72.72**
LaGrange	**6.50**
New Bern	3.15
Rocky Mount 1st	123.29
Runnymeade	**8.67**
Spring Hill	.58
Snow Hill	5.00
Washington	23.93
Williamston	12.57
Wm & Mary Hart	13.53
TOTAL	$399.32
Concord	
Back Creek	8.45
Beattie Memorial	**3.98**
Bethpage	61.71
Bridgewater	**3.65**
Centre	**42.61**
Clinchfield	1.77
Concord First	17.09
Davidson	199.81
Drusilla	**.50**
Fifth Creek	8.25
Front Street	17.87
Gilwood	22.22
Harrisburg	**58.23**
Hickory First	236.31
Lenoir	200.31
Little Joe's	110.23
Mooresville First	101.11
McDowell	**.37**
McKinnon	6.52
Oakdale	**5.15**
Old Fort	**8.76**
Poplar Tent	9.52
Prospect	15.17
Quaker Meadow	**11.13**
Rocky River	14.50

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HOW MUCH DO YOU LIKE THE MESSENGER?

Presbyterian Orphans' Home
Barium Springs, N. C.
Dear Sir:

Although I know that The Barium Messenger is sent to me gratis every month I want to make a personal contribution toward the publication of these 20,000 monthly copies, and am therefore enclosing a special gift of $——— for this particular phase of the work at Barium.

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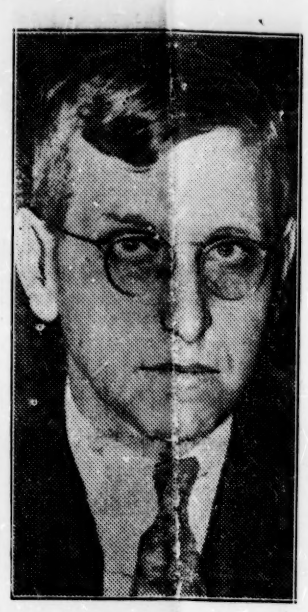

HARLLEE BRANCH
—Courtesy Charlotte Observer.

Old-time residents of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home were greatly interested last month in a news dispatch from Washington, D. C., which told of the appointment of Harllee Branch as second assistant postmaster general of the United States. It was those students among the first to be enrolled at Barium who remembered Mr. Branch as a 13-year old boy who entered the Orphanage in October, 1893, and left here in 1896.

Mr. Branch entered Barium from Morven, in Anson County. After leaving Barium he became interested in newspaper work, first in the mechanical side, and later in the reportorial and editorial end. He served on several newspapers in North Carolina before becoming affiliated with The Atlanta Journal, where he rose to the post of associate editor, handling the political phase of the editorial work of that paper, which kept him in the nation's capitol during congressional sessions.

His familiarity with political affairs led to his appointment last year to a position in Washington, and culminated in his recent elevation to the post of second assistant postmaster general. He has resided in Washington since last March and has his residence at the Wardman Park Hotel.

ANNUAL REPORT IS MADE TO DUKE FOUNDATION

Every Phase of Orphanage Life Is Covered—General Review Is Given Below

The month of January is so full of report making that if you would wake any of us in the middle of the night we would commence to rattle off statistics and tables just like it was the Shorter Catechism!

Don't get it into your heads that it is Income Tax that's worrying us. It's reports that have to be made. This year there was a report that had to be made through the State Department of Public Welfare for the benefit of the federal government, giving details on every child in the Institution. Something even more in detail than a census. And then there is the report to the Duke Endowment which has to be made out every January. It is interesting to compare these reports. Our per capita costs reduced further this year. Down below 90 cents now. At one time it was $1.16. And when it was $1.16 we had the largest number of children here of any time in the history of the institution. It is down quite a bit from that high peak, both in numbers and costs. We are almost afraid to state about this present reduction. It is not altogeher due to any brains and efforts on our part. We still seem to be miraculously shielded from so many of those calamities and accidents that everybody seems to fall heir to. During the past year, we had no major calamity of any description. No storm to destroy crops or buildings. No fire to destroy property. No epidemic of such a nature that it entailed extra expense. No unusual hospital expense; and while during the year we had one death, the illness of this little boy was of such short duration that it did not add much to our expense budget. Our

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RECEIPTS IN JANUARY WERE $465.35 MORE THAN DURING THE SAME MONTH A YEAR AGO

However, the Synod Is Still $2,624.85 Behind Same 10-Month Period of 1932-33, Because of a Decline of Over $3,800.00 in First Quarter

CONCORD PRESBYTERY INCREASES MOST

Thanksgiving Offering on January 31st Had Exceeded Last Year's by $403.92.—The Total Was Much Less Than Expected

Presbytery	January Receipts		Am't Received Per Member	Am't Per Member for Year.	Am't Due End of 10th month		
	Regular	Thanksgiving					
Winston-Salem	$301.41	$155.85	10¾c	144¾c	100c	44¾c	ahead
Albemarle	168.96	15.10	4¼c	88 c	100c	12 c	behind
Concord	440.61	193.20	5½c	87¼c	100c	12¾c	behind
Kings Mountain	202.86		3¾c	85¾c	100c	14¼c	behind
Mecklenburg	535.74	510.68	6¼c	75½c	100c	24½c	behind
Granville	267.12	23.00	5 c	61½c	100c	38½c	behind
Orange	429.49	149.26	5½c	61 c	100c	39 c	behind
Wilmington	329.06	390.73	9 c	50¼c	100c	49¾c	behind
Fayetteville	365.46	78.84	3¾c	45 c	100c	55 c	behind
TOTAL	3040.71	1516.66	5.8c	70 c	100c	30 c	behind

STATISTICS PREPARED ON WEIGHT GAINED IN A YEAR

Other Interesting Facts Are Compiled on Health of Entire Orphanage Group

The old belief that "walk and grow thin" was knocked for several somersaults at the Presbyterian Orphans' Home during the past year, when statistics were compiled upon the average gain in weight of the nine cottages here. Those girls who live in Rumple Hall, and whose duty lies in the dining room, necessitating several miles of walking each day, averaged the greatest gain in weight over a 12-month period 12¼ pounds per person

Not far behind them, however, were the Howard girls, whose next promotion will send them to Rumple Hall. Their average gain of weight was 12 pounds. Their major work is housecleaning. Lees Cottage boys, who work on the truck farm, averaged 11¾ pounds per person this year, followed by Alexander Cottage, made up of the dairy boys, with 11½ pounds.

The Woman's Building girls gained an average of 9¾ pounds. Jennie Gilmer cottage, made up of the older boys who work largely on the farm, gained an average of 9 pounds, and were tied by the Annie Louise girls with a similar gain. Synod's Cottage boys, who are not old enough for heavy work, gained 7¼ pounds as an average, and the smallest gain was an average of seven pounds per child at the Baby Cottage.

The entire population of the Orphanage increased almost a ton and a half—2812 pounds to be exact, and in the compilation were the children who had been at Barium for a year, and not included were those of a shorter period. The greatest gain in weight by any one child was 27 pounds, credited to an Alexander Cottage boy. Only seven failed to gain at all, and these were practically grown. Nine boys and six girls gained over 20 pounds each—in the neighborhood of 350 pounds for these 15 children.

One of the biggest factors in their gaining, it is believed, is the milk consumed. During the 12-month period, 172,000 quarts of milk were served the children. Statistics are not available for the tons of food cooked in serving a thousand meals a day.

The number of bed patient days

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There was a little encouragement at Barium over the January, 1934, receipts as compared with those of January a year ago. The total received from the Presbyteries last month, regular and Thanksgiving, was $4557.37, while it was $4,092.02 in January, 1933. This gives a month's increase of $465.35 over the same month the year before.

This increase has served to decrease the whole amount that the Synod is behind for the first ten months of 1933-34 as compared to a similar period of 1932-33. The record to date stands, $2624.85 less than the ten months of the previous year. As has been mentioned before, the Synod fell behind slightly over $3800.00 the first quarter of this church year, but this decline has been gradually decreased around $1200.00 in the ten months. It is hoped here that this $2624.85 will be more than made up in the two remaining months of the fiscal year.

On January 12th, the 1933 Thanksgiving Offering exceeded that of 1932, and on January 31st the increase over 1932 had reached $403.92. The total Thanksgiving response in 1932 was $27,910.35, and with belated Thanksgiving Offerings yet to arrive and with supplementary amounts that will be received from some of the churches, this final increase should be in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars.

As for the standing of the nine Presbyteries the only changes this month were the swapping of places between Concord and Kings Mountain, and Wilmington breaking the knot with Fayetteville. The former went up to third position with the January receipts, while Kings Mountain now occupies the berth formerly held by Concord in fourth place. Wilmington and Fayetteville last month were even-Stephen in the bottom position, but Wilmington went ahead of Fayetteville this past month, though Wilmington is not seriously threatening Orange Presbytery, which is a notch higher.

Looking backward through the file copies of The Messenger, and comparing the cents "behind or ahead" with the same period, it is found that while Winston-Salem is leading the Presbyteries, she is 21½ cents behind her total of a year ago.

The other comparisons show:
Albemarle is 9¾ cents ahead.
Concord is 10 cents ahead.
Kings Mountain is one-half cent behind.
Mecklenburg is three-fourths cent

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Treasurer,
Presbyterian Orphans' Home,
Barium Springs, N. C.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find $———, to be used in the Orphanage work. You can expect a similar amount from me each month.

OR

This is to authorize you to draw a draft upon me for $——— on the ——— Bank of ——— until further notice.

Signed _____

Address _____

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"I give and bequeath to the REGENTS OF THE ORPHANS' HOME OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, *Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of North Carolina,* (HERE NAME THE BEQUEST.)

The entire staff at Barium and the children here join together in expressing their deep sympathy to Miss Frances C. Steele, case worker of the Orphanage, in the death of her father in Washington, D. C. last month. Friends throughout the Synod of North Carolina will also sympathize with Miss Steele in this irreparable loss.

"A little more in '34" should be the slogan of each Church, Auxiliary and Sunday School of the Synod during the current year.

—P. O. H.—

It's been pleasing and gratifying at Barium to notice an increase in the miscellaneous contributions—people who are sending their gifts directly to Barium.

—P. O. H.—

The Synod contributed more to Barium in January, 1934, than in the same month of 1933, but that first [illegible] between 1932-33 and 1933-34 hasn't yet been completely vanquished.

—P. O. H.—

It won't be long before 22 boys and girls will finish at Barium and will be ready to start upon their life's work. These boys and girls need jobs and if you know of any, write us about the first of April.

—P. O. H.—

Our hope is that before the year ends those 82 churches of the Synod which have not yet reported a gift will send in one, at least $1.00. The aim is to have something given by everyone of the 539 churches of the Synod.

—P. O. H.—

Some very interesting facts have been compiled following the annual health examination at Barium. You will find them elsewhere in this issue, and no doubt you will marvel at the weight gained by these children at Barium.

—P. O. H.—

We'd like for some one to analyze why certain Presbyteries are so far ahead of others in contributions to Barium, and why another group is so far behind. It's quite interesting to make these comparisons from one month to another and from one year to another.

—P. O. H.—

We're mighty glad to welcome exactly half a dozen Sunday Schools into the fold of regular contributors. Several have recently adopted the plan of an offering-per-month, and several more are expected to make reports of the inclusion of this in their program next month.

—P. O. H.—

Another set of twins has been accepted at Barium. That brings the total to nine sets. Three of them are in one cottage. The matron has enough to do ordinarily in keeping the clothes mended, et cetera, but this means an additional task of trying to figure out which one is which.

—P. O. H.—

The new Synodical Orphanage Secretary started off her work with a comprehensive and definite program and wrote the individual local Secretaries about this. Mrs. Hobgood's letter is being published in this issue of The Messenger, for what she says is applicable to all organizations in the Synod.

—P. O. H.—

Our Messenger this month carries almost half a dozen sums given as memorials to deceased friends and loved ones, this plan being followed in lieu of flowers for the funeral. This procedure is growing every year and we believe that such memorials would meet with the hearty approval of the deceased ones.

—P. O. H.—

It's some time before the books for 1933-34 close at Barium, but treasurers are being asked far ahead of time to send in their final quarter gifts as soon as possible after March 31st. The books will be held open a few days to include these contributions that do not arrive until the final quarter is ended.

—P. O. H.—

Of all of the ministers written last year, asking for aid in revising the mailing list of The Messenger, all but 30 of them responded with eliminations, corrections and additions. Those 30 ministers were written again last month, and it is hoped that everyone of them will forward to us the information requested.

—P. O. H.—

We're mighty glad that the Thanksgiving Offering exceeded that of the previous year. We wish the excess could have been more. Those ten large churches which decreased their Thanksgiving Offering with a combined decline of $2656.10 would have made our feelings soar if they could have attained their previous year's figure.

—P. O. H.—

News from the various cottages at Barium was crowded out of last month's issue because of the space that was devoted in listing contributions, but these are being printed in the current issue, along with the latest news. The former included the thanks which the children expressed for their gifts, and we want our readers to have these before them especially.

—P. O. H.—

There are 136 receipts in the desk of the treasurer of Barium, which are on file here because treasurers of Churches, Sunday Schools and Auxiliaries and individuals have said it is not necessary to send receipts. This alone has saved a postage cost of over $4.00, besides other costs involved in aknowledging gifts. Four dollars saved means much to the Orphanage, too.

—P. O. H.—

Congratulations are in order to those churches which have already exceeded their 1932-33 total to Barium, and there are yet two months in the church year in which the others can do likewise. There were a lot of tranfers from the tabulation of those behind to the list of those ahead this month, and the former should dwindle down to virtually nothing by the end of the fiscal year.

—P. O. H.—

Hardly a week passes, but that someone writes us that two Messengers are coming to their home. We do our best to avoid these duplications, but when families of different names live in the same house, the sending of two copies oftentimes occurs. Every such notice will be cordially received, and our mailing list will be purged of one of the names as soon as the notice arrives.

—P. O. H.—

Sa far, 21 of our friends have contributed a total of $36.51 toward publishing The Messenger. We are most grateful for those gifts. Our hope is that there are many others among the 20,000 to whom we send the paper who are likewise appreciative of the periodical and will express their gratitude in the concrete manner in which these 21 have voiced themselves. That blank is on the front page.

—P. O. H.—

If every church had set a definite goal last Thanksgiving and worked toward its attainment like the Salisbury First Church, then the 1933 Thanksgiving Offering would have been the greatest in history. The Salisbury First Church almost doubled their contribution. Their goal was $1000.00, and they came mighty close to it. Many of the smaller churches did double their giving, but the thought behind this is in regard to the larger churches.

—P. O. H.—

There won't be another bank holiday this year to affect tremendously the income at Barium. We were getting along splendidly last year until the bank suspension, and we have not recovered yet. That last quarter of 1932-33, and the first of 1933-34 hit us rather heavily, but we hope the "pay-up" at the close of the year will do a lot to ease the added financial troubles that but naturally followed this big drop in income during those two periods.

—P. O. H.—

We believe that the workers at Barium give more than the tithe. There are less than 40 members of Little Joe's Church who have an income, and yet these people have made special offerings this year of $271.28 to the Orphanage; $110.30 to Home Missions; $101.40 to Foreign Missions, and $36.33 to Ministerial Relief. These specials totaled $517.31, and in addition to these, regular contributions are made. Last year, contributions to all causes and current expenses for Little Joe's Church totaled $3132.00.

—P. O. H.—

One source of income for the Orphanage—at least that which builds up the endowment, has been negligible this year; in fact, for almost two years. The item referred to is legacies. There have been two notices of estates left to the Orphanage, but both of them are tied up in closed banks, and there isn't much likelihood that the banks involved will liquidate for any appreciable amount of the tied up deposits. Consequently, there hasn't been any alteration in the endowment of Barium—no increase or decrease. It remains at $137,000.00. The income from this is around $8,000.00 per year.

—P. O. H.—

We're mighty afraid that the eight months' school, presribed by the state, is going to be detrimental to the Orphanage this year. The full schedule of the day, and the enormous amount of territory to be covered in textbooks each day of teaching does not allow for any special work with the boys and girls, and the number of subject failures isn't encouraging. No allowance is made for extra work in their behalf, and from present indications there are going to be a number of "repeaters" in school next year. Each year repeated means additional cost to the Synod for the year or years a child remains here.

—P. O. H.—

On January 31st, 257 churches were behind last year's total by $14,968.49. Of this number, 17 of the churches are behind $200.00 or more, and the total of these 17 is $8783.50, well over half of what all of the other 240 churches lack of equalling last year's aggregate. The combined amount for two of the churches alone is $2690.29. We hope that all of these 257 churches will make a strenuous effort to at least equal last year's sum; if they do, then there is assurance of a substantial increase over 1932-1933, for exactly 247 churches have given more to date than all of the 12 months of the previous year, and most of these are still increasing their totals.

—P. O. H.—

Did you ever stop to think that $1.00 per month for twelve months from 10,000 of the 78,000 Presbyterians of the Synod would pay off Barium's debt, and give the Orphanage a nice surplus over and above its present obligations? Or $5.00 a month for twelve months from 2,000 of the Presbyterians would do the same thing. Several friends contribute regularly now, permitting the Orphanage to draw drafts upon them or sending monthly gifts. How encouraging it would be for a host of others to join these few! There's a blank on the front page which would bring rejoicing to us if utilized by several thousand friends for whatever amount they could give monthly!

—P. O. H.—

WHICH WAY IS THE CHURCH LOOKING?

It's refreshing to interview people this day and time. It was fine to drop in on a merchant at inventory-taking time just after the Christmas sales, and ask him how he came out. The replies were something like this: "We sold more stuff in one day than we sold in a month last year. Our customers seemed to be in a good humor. Business is picking up," and all this in spite of the sales tax and other irritating things.

We drop in on a banker, and you know you can only find conservative bankers this day and time. Those that were not conservative are doing something else. Some of them even "doin' time". So when you interview a banker these days, you can rest assured it is one of the conservative kind you are interviewing; and as soon as this banker is assured that you are not interviewing him for the purpose of borrowing money, he will open up and tell you things. And he will begin to tell you that things are looking up. He will admit that he has more money in the bank than in years, and that business really looks good.

Interview the dealers of such staple commodities as Ford automobiles, or Chevrolets or Dodges, and see what they have to say. About the only thing they are worrying about right now is deliveries. One rather pessimistic dealer told us some time ago, in a most confidential way, that they had sold more cars from the first to the twentieth of January than they sold during January, February and March of last year.

Consult statistics on the sale of radios, electric refrigerators, and such household semi-luxuries as that, and you will find that the sales have increased three to four hundred per cent over the same period last year.

Note the statement coming from Raleigh several days ago in which the receipts from gasoline tax this January was one million dollars ahead of last January!

If you don't like to think in millions or in car values and want something down in the chewing gum circuit, step into a popular picture show—most any day—and see how soon you can find a seat. You will be surprised how long you will have to wait, and how far you will have to walk from the place that you park your car, to the theatre!

It just looks like there is evidence of prosperity in every line of human endeavor. We no doubt can find lots of things to worry about, as to how long it will last, who is going to pay the bill finally, and all that, but as a matter of fact, more money is in circulation and in more different ways right now than in any time, even way back behind 1929.

However, there is one place you can still hear gloomy predictions, and that is in the church courts. These same men that are engaged in businesses mentioned above, may be church officers, and when they meet in a church court, be it Session, Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly, somehow they lay aside this 1934-business feeling and again take up the 1930-garment and begin to tell you that "We must retrench, we must conserve, we must reduce our army and our efforts, because times are hard and money is scarce".

Right now, as this is written, Home Missions workers are still attempting to carry on the Lord's work in fields that are ripe for the harvest, and trying to live on intermittent salaries that would be absolutely condemned in any industry, trade or profession. The Church of the Living God certainly can not apply for the Blue Eagle, when it thinks of the way it treats its servants in the field.

Foreign Missions have been cut to the point that means disorganization and demoralization of the entire Foreign Mission set-up. The Church's schools and other institutions are laboring in debt, and the church is apparently seeking every opportunity to shove off on to some other shoulders the burden of caring for these institutions.

What is the matter with us? Has the worship of our God become a cheap thing, and is our service to our Maker something in the order of a gesture, and do we try to soothe our consciences after spending all we have on ourselves, by tossing a used and soiled article to the beggar at the gate?

We can read repeatedly in the Bible where a man or a nation, on being delivered from a great danger, offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving of his most valuable possessions—in the case of Jephtha, his only daughter, being the sacrifice. We, as a nation today, have been delivered from a terrible situation. We have to get a little distance away from it to realize how terrible that situation was. And what are we doing in the way of thankfulness? What are we offering to our God, as an evidence of our gratefulness? Well, just think about it a little, and I believe we will find that about all we are offering to the Lord is a lot of cheap and rather shop-worn excuses, and very little of the things that have any value.

There are exceptions. Here's one: A young couple came to Barium some time ago. They had two children. One of these children had been desperately sick—so sick that for months his life was despaired of. His final recovery seemed to be through an act of Providence. That couple, without making any display of it, came to Barium and left a substantial offering. Barium Springs was one of the enterprises that they felt sure was the Lord's work. It might have been Foreign Missions or Home Missions, just as well; but this fine young couple made a thank offering, and we believe that their lives will be the happier for that as long as they live.

How many of us think to do that? Those of us who have children who have never been visited by danger? Did we ever stop to think if their successful bringing up was altogether our doings, or whether the Lord had anything to do with it? We all have so many things to be thankful for, if we just stop and think, and we believe that if we think long enough and seriously enough, that the urge to make a thank offering would be too strong to be resisted.

Shouldn't our Church today, in all of its activities, be revived and freshened by the flood of thank-offerings coming from the hearts of our people all over the country!

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

—P. O. H.—

A fee in the hand is worth two in the book.

SEDATIVES

In last month's issue of The Messenger, quite a few "headaches" were recorded, and toward the end of the article some "headache powders" were given the readers. We'll term these "powders" as "sedatives" today, and will devote this column to these, which is much preferable to recounting "headaches" experienced. In writing last month, we felt that many of our friends would be interested in some of the things that cause those dull and wearisome pains, and would do what they could in their respective communities and organizations to bring us some relief.

As the first soother, here's an extract from one of the letters we received:

"I was disappointed at the amount (Thanksgiving Offering) contributed, and am frank to say, we are not doing what we ought to do. I am a farmer 68 years old, do most of my work, have contributed $20.00 to the Thanksgiving Offering of the Church each year for the past 15 or 20 years."

The church of which this man is a member has a congregation of 150 members, and their total 1933 Thanksgiving Offering was $38.60. This means that one member of that church contributed $20.00, and the remaining 149 gave $18.60. This might be termed a "headache" too, but the sedative part of this is the knowledge that the Orphanage has one very liberal supporter in that congregation and that he does by himself, more than all of the other 149 members put together.

Some of the staunchest and most loyal supporters of the Orphanage are members of other than Presbyterian organizations. The January issue of The Messenger contained the names of many such friends.

Here's a letter from one of these friends:

"Enclosed you will please find check for $—, which you may use as you see fit for the Orphanage.

"Since I am a Methodist, I do not have an opportunity to contribute through the regular channels.

"This small amount is my way of endorsing the personnel and policies of Barium Springs Orphanage."

And while this friend does not say so, we believe that his major impressions of the institution have been gained through his contact with Barium boys who have been to Davidson, for he was in school with some of them.

Along the same line we recall a conversation with a man who isn't a Presbyterian, but who is a close and constant friend of the Orphanage (this man, by the way, recently expressed his appreciation of The Messenger with a fine contribution to that publication). He was laughingly telling us how the moving pictures of Barium had cost one man $50.00—a man who wasn't a Presbyterian.

Here's the story: The moving picture was to be displayed in a North Carolina city. The man's wife was a Presbyterian, but he wasn't. She urged that he go with her to the church to see the picture. He went. And that night, or the next day, pledged $50.00 to Barium. "I have paid $30.00 already and will soon pay the other $20.00," he told our friend and the latter said he detected exultation in his tone.

Just a word here or there—seed-sowing—may bring a rich harvest to the Orphanage. We have two instances of this lately:

First: There's a merchant in Statesville with whom we do considerable business. After the regular closing hours, an out-of-state salesman was in his office to solicit business, and in the course of conversation, this merchant began telling about Barium Springs Orphanage and what we are trying to do. This appealed to the salesman, and the conversation hadn't advanced very far before he said he wanted to do something for Barium, and left a $20.00 bill.

Second: A North Carolina lady, who is keenly interested in the Orphanage, was entertaining an out-of-state houseguest. She wrote that "in the course of conversation I casually mentioned my interest in Barium to a houseguest. Enclosed you will find a donation he wanted Barium to have." The donation was $20.00.

Our reply went back to her, "If you can casually mention the Orphanage and get a gift of $20.00, we believe that it might be advisable for the Orphanage to enlist your services as a permanent staff member to go out into the highways and by-way and loudly proclaim information about the institution."

If everybody did as these two friends did, then it wouldn't be long before the plan of the Synodical Orphanage Secretary to make people "Barium Conscious" would be fully realized—not only within the confines of North Carolina, but in other states as well, as positively testified by these two instances.

A recent $500.00 gift was accom-

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Miscellaneous Gifts

Marion 1st S. S. & Aux. 12 towels, 4 pr. socks; toys; books; 42 qts. fruits; 12 qts. jellies & preserves; 2 pkgs. cereal; 15lb sugar, crackers; 100 yds. white cloth from Mr. Morris of Clinchfield Mills.
Burlington 1st Aux. Circle 3, 1 table cloth
Miss Irene Basseux, Richmond, Va., cuddle toys for Baby Cottage.
Montpelier S. S. Jr. Class, 1 quilt.
Community Aux., Ringgold, Va., 3 small quilts
White Hill Aux. 2 quilts
Philippi Aux., 1 quilt.
Hickory 1st., Lower Int. Y. P., 1 counterpane and materials for another.
Hopewell Aux. (M) Mary Torrence Circle, 1 quilt, 30 qts, fruits
Mrs. Clyde & Miss Laura Arrowood, Lincolnton, 1 quilt.
Davidson Aux. Circle 1, 2 quilts
Milton S. S., Beg. & Pri. Depts., 2 scrapbooks.
Mt. Olive Aux., 1 quilt for Thelma Robards
Mrs. F. M. Goodnight, Mooresville, paper cut-outs.
Raeford S. S., Martha & Mary B. C., 1 Dutch Girl quilt
Galatia Aux. Circle 1, 1 quilt, 4 tubes toothpaste and 4 tooth brushes.
Cameron Hill Aux., 1 quilt
North Wilkesboro Aux., 10 gallons fruit.

Clothing Boxes

Manly Aux.

Clothing Money

Greensboro 1st Aux., Ida Wharton Circle	5.20
Mrs. Jessie Keenan Wise, Wilmington	200.00
Greenville S. S. Kate Lewis B. C.	16.00
Howard Mem. Aux. Mrs. Mabry Hart	4.00
Mrs. Cobb & Mrs. Holderness	16.50
Fountain Aux.	17.00
Kings Daughters, Salisbury	5.00
Covenant (O) Aux.	25.00
Miss Cora Richards, Tenth Ave. S. S. Charlotte	15.00
Tenth Avenue S. S., Flora Grady B. C.	15.00
Reynolda Aux.	30.00
TOTAL	$348.70

Miscellaneous Support

Col. F. L. Fuller, New York	150.00
F. P. Tate, Morganton	6.00
A. E. Scharrer, Hickory	5.00
Rev. James Appleby, Maxton	1.00
A Wilmington Friend	2.00
Dr. & Mrs. S. W. Hoffman, Statesville, In Memory Mrs. F. A. Sherrill	2.00
Chas. M. Norfleet, Jr. Winston-Salem	10.00
Isadore Wallace, Statesville, In Memory Mrs. F. A. Sherrill	3.00
A Raleigh Friend	5.00
Entre Nous Club, Statesville, In Memory Mrs. F. A. Sherrill	5.00
A Friend	500.00
W. A. Barden, New York	20.00
A Friend	50.00
The Steele and Rankin Families, Statesville, In Memory Mrs. W. L. Gilbert and Mrs. F. A. Sherrill	6.00
Jas. Sloan, Redlands, Calif.	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin K. Kyles, Statesville, Thanksgiving	10.00
F. A. Sherrill, Statesville, in Memory Joseph Ash	5.00
DeKalb Kennerly, Statesville	4.00
D. S. Lippard, Barium	1.00
Miss Emma P. Hunter, Matthews	5.00
C. G. Pepper, Hamlet	1.00
Elbridge Robinson, Gastonia	200.00
FOR MESSENGER	
J. Alex McMillan, Charlotte	1.00
Miss Sara Moseley, Charlotte	1.00
Mrs. J. R. Baber, Saxapahaw	1.00
Jas. Sloan, Redlands, Calif.	1.00
Miss Bertha Corl, Greensboro	.51
J. R. Kenion, Hurdle Mills	1.00
Walter Culbreth, Statesville	5.00
Mrs. J. P. Russell, Lumberton	1.00
Mrs. I. W. Faison, Charlotte	2.00
Mrs. Emma Ball, Elkin	2.00
Mrs. Lela M. Meadors, Homer, La.	4.00
TOTAL	$19.51
GRAND TOTAL	$1210.51

Support Fund

CHURCHES REGULAR	
Alamance	5.99
Albemarle Presbytery, undesignated	3.68
Back Creek	15.76
Bayless Mem.	1.12
Bessemer	1.50
Bethany (C)	.91
Bethany (O)	2.14
Bethesda (O)	3.75
Bethpage	2.20
Brittain	3.22
Buffalo (G) Dec.	16.52
Caldwell Mem.	25.16
Cameron	50.00
Charlotte 2nd	110.00
Chinquapin	1.50
Clarkton	8.62
Concord Iredell	6.37
Concord 2nd	4.22
Covenant (W)	163.28
Cross Roads	1.50
Davidson	33.75
Duncan Creek	2.38
Durham 1st	50.00
Durham 1st	125.00
Efland	5.00
Eno	1.94
Eureka	3.00
Forest City Special	10.00
Gilwood	1.47
Glenwood	2.01
Goldsboro 1st	40.00
Graham	25.54
Graves Mem. 3rd Quarter	11.78
Hallsville	.34
Hickory	13.25
Highland	29.31
Immanuel	4.40
Kannapolis	3.83
Laurinburg Dec.	5.42
Lenoir, A Friend	20.00
Lincolnton 1st	22.13
McKinnon	1.50
McPherson	6.00
Mebane	2.92
Milton	5.00
Monroe	13.13
Mooresville 2nd	.94
Mt. Olive	10.00
Mt. Zion (W)	4.12
New Hope (KM)	2.69
Patterson	6.00
Poplar Tent	2.25
Prospect (C)	2.53
Raeford	11.10
Red Springs	21.18
Reidsville	9.76
Rockfish	1.12
Rutherfordton	4.03
Rutherfordton	1.50
Salisbury 1st	78.98
Salisbury 2nd	2.78
Shiloh (C)	1.20
Spray	1.99
Steele Creek	50.50
Tenth Avenue	4.36
Thomasville	5.00
Union Mills	2.10
Unity (C)	.65
Warrenton	7.00
Westminster (W)	5.62
White Hill	.42
Wildwood	.90
Wilmington 1st	45.00
Winston-Salem 1st	145.23
S. S. REGULAR	
Alamance	8.25
Albemarle	20.52
Ashpole	7.09
Belmont	25.13
Bensalem Oct	.35
November	.92
December	.49
January	1.06
Bethel (F) Last Quarter	3.88
Bethel (M)	3.85
Bethesda (F)	9.37
Brittain	1.33
Brittain	2.00
Broadway	1.44
Buffalo (G)	14.88
Bunnlevel 3rd quarter	5.00
Calypso, Dec.	1.04
Camden	1.00
Chadbourn	2.55
Charlotte 1st	100.00
Cherryville, Jr. Dept.	1.66
Church-in-Pines	3.33
Clarkton	6.77
Concord 1st	58.90
Concord Iredell	4.40
Covenant (F) 3rd quarter	8.00
Covenant (O)	8.96
Davidson Nov. & Dec.	15.70
Delgado	5.00
Dunn S. S., Ladies' B. C.	6.29
Dunn, Vanguard Class	17.36
Durham 1st	20.00
Elise	2.00
Elizabethtown	5.60
Ellenboro	10.21
Ellerbe	7.00
Eno	20.00
Eureka, 3rd Quarter	3.30
Farmville Beg. Class	3.34
Fifth Creek, Dec.	6.20
Front Street	7.65
Fuller Mem. Special Birthday, Nov. & Dec.	3.15
Gastonia 1st, Jr. Dept.	5.23
Glenwood	2.54
Godwin, 3rd Quarter	6.45
Goldsboro 1933	3.85
1934	6.37
Graves Mem.	5.13
Greensboro 1st, Loyalty Class Special	1.00
Greensboro 1st, Men's B. C., Dec.	18.95
Hallsville	2.55
Harmony (C)	2.17
Harmony (W)	9.00
Holly Grove	1.00
Hope Mills, Oct., Nov. & Dec	12.21
Hopewell (M)	6.42
Howard Mem., Jan	4.54
Huntersville	11.17
Huntersville	7.54
Kannapolis 1st, W's. B. C Special	10.00
Lakeview	1.95
Laurel Hill	3.82
Laurinburg	20.81
Lexington	16.00
Lumber Bridge	1.60
Lumberton	22.07
McKinnon	5.00
McPherson	5.00
Macpelah	1.00
Mallard Creek	13.33
Marion	5.85
Mayo Mission, Jan.	2.60
Mebane	8.35
Mocksville	12.34
Monroe	12.92
Mooresville 1st	9.98
New Bern 1st & B. C.	10.50
New Hope (KM)	4.05
New Hope (O)	2.00
N. Wilkesboro	31.76
Norwood	5.00
Olivia	31.40
Philadelphus	3.40
Pineville	7.00
Pittsboro	1.30
Providence (F)	3.00
Raleigh 1st Moment Class	6.75
Red House	3.00
Red Springs Thru Dec. 31	5.20
Rocky Mt. 1st, Jennie K. Hill B. C., Dec. & Jan.	10.00
Rocky Point Dec.	3.20
Rocky Point Jan.	2.20
St. Pauls (F)	5.44
St. Pauls (M)	17.15
Salisbury 1st. W's. B. C.	5.00
Salisbury 1st, Rumple B. C.	5.00
Salisbury 2nd	21.11
Shiloh (KM)	5.00
Spencer, Oct., Nov., & Dec.	15.50
Spies	.44
Statesville 1st, Dec.	9.32
Steele Creek, Mrs. Choate's Class	5.00
Taylorsville	6.87
Tenth Avenue, Flora Grady B. C.	6.01
Tenth Avenue	17.78
Tenth Avenue	18.94
Topsail	2.75
Trinity Ave.	8.50
Union (KM)	4.60
Vanguard 1st, Birthday	6.72
Vass	6.24
Wadesboro Sept. Thru Dec.	20.00
West End	4.39
West End	3.89
Westminster (M) Nov. & Dec. Lydia B. C.	12.34 6.00
Westminster (O)	13.30
Winston-Salem 1st, Juniors	7.50
AUXILIARIES REGULAR	
Bethlehem (O)	5.00
Bethesda (O)	.58
Burlington 1st, Circle 3 Special	5.00
Burlington First 3rd Quarter	18.00
Caldwell Mem.	10.00
Cann Mem., Dec.	1.00
Cann Mem. Jan.	1.00
Charlotte 1st., Reg.	11.25
Special	10.00
Clarkton	6.30
Covenant (KM)	1.00
Covenant (O)	3.75
Covenant (O) Nov.	8.00
Covenant (O) Dec. & Jan.	16.00
Eno	13.05
Eureka	9.00
Special	4.80
Fairview (C)	5.00
Fuller Memorial	2.00
Gastonia 1st	12.60
Gastonia 1st Special	25.00
Gilwood	1.87
Glenwood	3.00
Grassy Creek	8.00
High Point 1st, Dec.	7.00
High Point 1st Jan.	7.90
Hillsboro	6.00
Howard Mem. Penny-a-day Special	1.00
Howard Mem.	6.00
Immanuel	2.56
Jonesboro	.50
Jonesboro Special	2.10
Kannapolis Special	6.25
Lake Waccamaw	3.00
Leaflet	1.30
Lincolnton, Circle 3 Special	12.00
Mebane	1.21
Mitchiner Mem.	6.00
Morganton	5.62
Newell, Nov. & Dec., B's Girls' Circle	1.00
N. Wilkesboro, 3rd Quarter Special	18.75
Olney	21.00
Raeford	6.75
Raleigh 1st Regular	10.00
Special	10.00
Red Springs Special	11.85
Reynolda	37.00
Rockfish	.90
Rocky Mt. 1st., Mrs A. P. Tharp	10.00
Rocky Mount Special	11.00
Regular	13.00
Penny-a-day	8.08
Rocky River	8.00
Salisbury 1st	10.78
Salisbury 2nd	5.00
Sanford	18.75
Shelby	5.87
Statesville 1st, In memory Mrs. F. A. Sherrill	5.00
Steele Creek	14.50
Teacheys	1.00
Thyatira	2.00
Waldensian	5.00
Washington 1st Special	13.00
Waughtown	4.33
West Avenue (KM)	4.00
West Raleigh	10.00
Westminster (O)	12.00
Westminster (W)	9.38
Westminster (W)	2.50
Wm. & Mary Hart	6.00
Williamston	6.00
Wilson 1st, Penny-a-day	2.00
Winston-Salem 1st	23.00
Y. P. REGULAR	
Salisbury 2nd	5.00
TOTAL REGULAR	$3040.71
CHURCHES THANKSGIVING	
Asheboro	19.44
Back Creek	28.85
Beth Car	15.00
Bethlehem (A)	6.10
Buffalo (G) The Kingdom Highways	3.00
Carson Mem.	2.00
Charlotte 1st	184.00
Charlotte 1st	109.25
Charlotte 2nd	57.00
Clio	7.00
Clio	3.00
Concord Iredell	4.92
Davidson	7.00
Ellerbe	7.46
Eureka	2.65
Fairfield	9.50
Gilwood	82.70
Hawfields	14.75
Henderlite Mem.	5.00
Hopewell (W) Ralph Hall	5.00
B. S. Rich	5.00
Hopewell (W)	2.50
Laurinburg	6.00
Lee Park	1.60
Lenoir	44.24
Lexington	91.85
Lincolnton	10.00
Little Joe's	13.00
Little River	2.25
McPherson	40.80
Maxton 1st	5.00
Mocksville	50.00
Mt. Olive	80.00
Mt. Williams	6.17
Myers Park	8.00
New Bern 1st	4.00
Pleasant View	3.75
Pocket, E. Q. Matthews	2.00
Pollocksville	12.00
Prospect (C)	15.58
Reidsville	56.76
Roxboro	15.00
Sanford	41.00
Taylorsville	21.51
Union (F)	7.74
Margaret McQueen	5.00
West Avenue (M)	43.71
H. M. Irwin	10.00
Whiteville 1st	5.00
Wimington 1st	179.31
Walker Taylor	12.50
Sue McQueen	5.00
Margaret H. Hall	10.00
Mrs. P. R. Albright	25.00
F. A. Matthews	5.00
R. Pearsall	5.00
S. S. THANKSGIVING	
Bethany (O)	27.00
Dunn 1st	4.65
Fairmont	7.00
Greensboro 1st Men's B. C.	35.00
Hawfields	6.66
Marks Creek	5.00
Riverview	4.00
Spencer	10.00
Sugaw Creek	30.00
AUXILIARIES THANKSGIVING	
Bethany (O)	10.00
Burgaw	1.50
Katherine McMillan	3.00
Charlotte 2nd	25.00
Covenant (O)	1.00
Fairfield	2.25
Hawfields	23.00
Hopewell (W) Circle 2	5.00
Circle 3	5.00
Jonesboro	1.00
Raleigh 1st	5.00
Salisbury 1st	16.00
Selma	3.00
Tenth Avenue	14.66
Waughtown	12.00
Westminster (O)	1.00
Thanksgiving Totals	$1,516.66
Y. P. THANKSGIVING	
Covenant (O) Sr. Y. P.	2.25
Wilmoore Jr. C. E.	5.00
GRAND TOTAL	$4,557.37

—P. O. H.—

A Scotchman was leaving on a business trip, and he called back as he was leaving:

Goodbye all, and dinna forget to take little Donal's glasses off when he isna looking at anything.

Letter From Synodical Secretary

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, of Farmville, was elected Synodical Orphanage Secretary at the annual meeting of the Synodical at Rocky Mount last October, and below is her first communication since assuming her new duties. The letter was mailed January 18th, and was directed to the local Orphanage Secretary of each Auxiliary, or to the president of the Auxiliary, and clearly sets forth the plan of this important body of people during the coming regime of Mrs. Hobgood. All that she says is so pertinent to various organizations of the church that the letter is reproduced below in the hope that many will read it and give heed to her suggestions:

Farmville, N. C.
January 18, 1934

Dear Friends:

Nineteen-thirty-four stretches out before us "as clean as a new, green leaf". It presents to us an opportunity to write upon its untouched pages a marvelous record in OUR Barium work. Your Secretary, also, is as Green as a new leaf but is thrilling with joy as she anticipates the two years of work with you in behalf of Our Fatherless Ones. Having been associated with so many of you in Church and Club work, I know that you will stand by me and compensate for all my mistakes.

As we take up the Synodical Orphanage Work together, I want us to set a goal AND STRETCH EVERY NERVE TO REACH THAT GOAL BY NOVEMBER 1935! Let's lay aside all little catchy, hit-and-miss plans for inspiring gifts to Barium and plan to carry forward the great program which Mr. Johnston, Mr. Milton and the Board of Regents have outlined. This program will not require half the time and energy—and will place our work on a certain, dignified basis. In the following paragraphs I am submitting to you an outline of this program and I ask that you will consider it prayerfully and go to work on it.

Firstly: Let's try to make every Church in our Synod BARIUM CONSCIOUS. Out in Portland, Oregon, there is a very pretty little ceremony, by which you are inducted into "The Order of The Rose". After being duly sworn in, with hand held aloft, the candidate promises that "hereafter, when speaking of, or writing, Portland, Oregon, I will add 'The City Of The Rose' ". Good boosting, isn't it? Well, let's educate our Churches into The Order of Barium, so that hereafter, when speaking of, praying for or writing of Barium, they will add "Our Own Barium". And let's educate them so that they will speak of, pray for and write about Barium constantly.

Secondly: Let's educate our Churches to give SYSTEMATICALLY. You will agree with me that bread and butter every day is better than lots of cake occasionally. Most of us are housekeepers and I do not have to convince you of the necessity of knowing in advance what your housekeeping budget is to be. Let's not be like the woman who said that she didn't see how people stood to comb their hair every day—that she combed hers only once a month and then it nearly killed her! Regular, systematic giving is less straining on the indivdual and Church pocketbook than spasmodic draining.

Thirdly: The following items are suggested for use in our program. That one Sunday School offering per month be sent to Barium. This was recommended by Synod last September. Only about half of our Sunday Schools are doing this, but I feel certain that a little prodding (with tact—not tack) from the women of the Church will bring this up to one hundred per cent.

The second item is that we endeavor to have every local Auxiliary include in its 1934 budget, "a dollar per circle per month for OUR OWN BARIUM."

The third item is that one recommended by Synod several years ago and observed by a great many Churches—that of sending to OUR OWN BARIUM 7½% of the benevolent budget. Check up on your church and see if it is being done—and use your best effort to see that it is done in the future if not now.

Mr. Milton writes that there are still forty children at Barium for whom no clothing provision is made. It costs $30.00 per year to clothe a child. If your Auxiliary is not helping in this way, won't you either clothe a child or try to contribute part of a wardrobe? Send the money direct to Barium.

Of course we would not minimize the great benefit of the Thanksgiving Offering—and I know that no Church would feel satisfied to do away with it—but let's put our work on a business basis. Systematic giving is of Divine origin. God sent manna daily—not in periodic lots.

Enclosed you will find a statement of the way your Church stands on the Barium ledger, on December 31, 1933. Will you please read the statement carefully? If unrecorded gifts have been made, trace them and see where they fell by the wayside.

Women of the Synodical Auxiliary, we can do this job if we will! We can, through earnest prayer, hard work, great faith, come to the 1935 harvest with our program completed. LET'S DO IT. It is our Father's work—He will give the desire of our hearts if we have faith—if we work.

I beg that you will write me when you feel so inclined. I am very new, very green in the work but if I am unable to solve your problems, I will never stop until I have found the solution among the Higher Ups—and I promise to reply to every letter you write me.

May God bless and keep you each one. May He bless our work together for His Little Ones at OUR OWN BARIUM. May He bless, tenderly, each of your own little ones in your homes all during this New Year.

Our motto for the coming two years "Systematic, Adequate Provision for OUR OWN BARIUM."

Lovingly yours,
MRS. J. M. HOBGOOD,
Synodical Orphanage Secretary

SEDATIVES

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panied by the following letter:

"I am happy to be able once again to send an offering to help the work of taking care of the boys and girls at the Presbyterian Orphanage.

"As requested last year, when I made a donation, I will ask you to please keep this matter confidential; and list it in The Barium Messenger as coming from 'A Friend'."

The thing that impresses us with this gift was the request to keep the name confidential, and this oftentimes occurs. The same thing was true not so long ago when we received a gift for $1,000.00, and a similar quotation would have been made of that letter at the time if we had been printing this column of "sedatives".

"I'm tickled pink," said one individual in a letter to us, "that our Sunday School has decided to give one offering per month to Barium," and similar statements have been written from half a dozen Sunday Schools, though the phraesology might not have been so colored as that. Anyway, the knowledge that so many more Sunday Schools are taking up the plan of regular giving is a very powerful "sedative" and is doing wonders in easing the "pain in the head" that found expression in last month's Messenger.

—P. O. H.—

Waitress: "And how did you find the apple pie, sir?"

Diner: "I moved the bit of cheese aside and there it was."

—P. O. H.—

Dentist's epitaph in a Connecticutt cemetery:

"When on this tomb you gaze with gravity,
Cheer up! I'm filling my last cavity."

CHURCHES AHEAD
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Siloam	6.00
Spencer	21.23
Thyatira	59.26
Unity	46.66
Waldensian	6.04
TOTAL	$1309.74
Fayetteville	
Barbecue	2.00
Bensalem	.86
Bethesda	58.21
Big Rockfish	4.28
Bluff	1.66
Cameron	21.40
Campobellton	4.29
Carthage	31.69
Charles Mills	17.25
Church-in-Pines	20.58
Covenant	24.59
Cypress	1.20
Dundarrach	1.00
Dunn	48.35
Fayetteville First	230.21
Godwin	26.50
Grove	3.10
Highland	71.77
Hebron	5.27
Lakeview	14.93
Laurinburg	81.27
Laurel Hill	8.97
Lillington	15.16
Lumberton	20.65
Manly	8.80
McMillan	.32
McPherson	38.33
Mt. Pisgah	1.00
Mt. Tabor	4.50
Montpelier	110.46
Naomi	4.55
Olivia	103.55
Priest Hill	1.40
Philippi	5.25
Pinehurst	10.79
Raven Rock	4.52
Red Springs	15.70
Rex	9.86
Rowland	11.17
Sandy Grove	4.00
Sardis	.20
Shiloh	24.08
Smyrna	22.31
Spence	.93
Spies	4.91
Sunnyside	8.38
Westminster	2.50
Wildwood	14.00
TOTAL	$1126.70
Granville	
Blacknall Memorial	2.21
Brookton	8.45
Community	1.00
Durham First	430.68
Ernest Myatt	28.33
Grassy Creek	12.54
Henderson	73.65
Mitchell Chapel	1.00
North Vanguard	11.35
Nut Bush	18.04
Oak Hill	4.41
Oxford	66.05
Raleigh First	770.76
Roanoke Rapids	87.78
Roxboro	45.07
Selma	.05
Smithfield	16.29
Trinity Avenue	70.35
Vanguard First	21.78
Varina	1.80
Warrenton	12.84
West Raleigh	20.85
TOTAL	$1705.28
Kings Mountain	
Belmont	19.28
Bostic	18.60
Brittain	2.29
Columbus	.84
Covenant	33.95
Cramerton	121.39
Dallas	7.89
Ellenboro	5.88
Gastonia First	315.45
Kings Mountain	25.86
Lincolnton	24.12
Lowell	11.60
Mt. Holly	6.63
New Hope	8.06
Rutherfordton	79.78
Saluda	4.25
Shelby	53.33
Shiloh	14.41
Stanley Creek	.33
Union	13.94
Union Mills	14.41
TOTAL	$781.74
Mecklenburg	
Albemarle	2.15
Amity	31.33
Banks	4.00
Bethel	10.49
Beulah	5.00
Brainard	3.07
Caldwell Mem.	152.99
Cameronian	9.80
Charlotte First	613.79
Charlotte Second	539.34
Cooks Memorial	4.59
Cornelius	6.75
Hopewell	8.13
Lilesville	5.00
Mallard Creek	3.56
Marshville	.30
Marston	3.20
Morven	6.30
Monroe	31.17
McGee	32.34
Myers Park	925.46
Newell	8.04
Paw Creek	46.07
Pee Dee	3.18
Philadelphia	77.34
Pineville	6.65
Polkton	.36
Providence	22.72
St. Andrews	11.62
St. Pauls	88.85
Siler	1.50
Steele Creek	151.29
Sugaw Creek	149.60
Tabernacle	4.52
Tenth Avenue	134.38
Troy	8.00
Waxhaw	22.54
West Avenue	70.39
Westminster	443.53
Williams Mem.	4.75
TOTAL	$3654.10
Orange	
Alamance	71.92
Asheboro	6.12
Bessemer	27.01
Bethlehem	20.16
Buffalo (G)	54.30
Buffalo (L)	7.10
Burlington First	118.38
Covenant	43.01
Church-by-side-Road	16.16
Cross Roads	18.90
Efland	3.00
Fairfield	2.87
Gilead	1.10
Graham	347.22
Greensboro First	1518.79
Greenwood	1.40
Goldston	3.15
Gulf	3.79
Hawfields	56.74
Haywood	1.15
High Point	154.14
Hillsboro	19.79
Leaksville	22.87
Madison	35.51
Mebane	38.89
Milton	2.75
Mt. Vernon Springs	36.75
Pittsboro	12.29
Red House	12.54
Riverview	2.55
Salem	4.65
Sanford	126.30
Shiloh	26.45
Smyrna	2.25
Sprunt Memorial	27.83
Westminster	62.48
TOTAL	$2910.31
Wilmington	
Beth Carr	19.00
Bolton	2.00
Burgaw	5.32
Caswell	8.00
Covenant	215.42
Croatan	7.10
Currie	1.57
Grove	4.90
Immanuel	10.21
Lake Waccamaw	11.50
Mt. Zion	9.06
New Hope	8.00
Pearsall Memorial	5.63
Pike	4.36
Pollocksville	8.20
Rockfish	2.76
Southport	20.00
Stanford	1.25
St. Andrews	261.52
Teachey	4.57
Warsaw	43.29
Whiteville	2.87
Willard	14.00
Wilmington First	345.74
Woodburn	.67
TOTAL	$1011.94
Winston-Salem	
Asbury	1.07
Bixby	6.06
Cooleemee	13.72
Collinstown	2.21
Danbury	15.00
Dan River	6.57
Flat Rock	9.69
Jefferson	1.17
Lexington	46.59
Low Gap	.52
Mocksville	96.36
Mt. Airy	60.33
Pine Ridge	.07
Reynolda	217.47
South Lexington	1.19
Thomasville	17.80
Wilkesboro	3.50
Winston-Salem First	1171.50
West Jefferson	.22
TOTAL	$1671.04
GRAND TOTAL	$14,569.17

CHURCHES BEHIND
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Mulberry, Nevin, Norman, North Charlotte, Norwood, Oakboro, Peachland, Plaza, Pleasant Hill, Ramah, Roberdell, Robinson, Rockingham, Rourk's Chapel, Sharon, Thomasboro, Wadesboro, Wilmoore.

Orange

Bethel, Bethany, Bethesda, Broadway, Burlington Second, Community, Cummock, East Burlington, El-Bethel, Eno, Farmville, Glenwood, Griers, Horseshoe, Jonesboro, Little River, New Hope, Piedmont, Pleasant Grove, Pockett, Reidsville, Spray, Springwood, St. Andrews, Speedwell, Stoneville, Stony Creek, White Hill, Yanceyville.

Wilmington

Acme, Antioch, Ashewood, Beulahville, Black River, Bladenboro, Brown Marsh, Calypso, Carrol's Chapel, Chadbourn, Chinquapin, Clarkton, Delgado, Elizabethtown, Elkton, Faison, Geo. Webb Memorial, Graves Memorial, Hallsville, Harmony, Hebron, Holly Grove, Hopewell, Jacksonville, Kornegay, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. Williams, Oak Plains, Pink Hill, Pleasant View, Rocky Point, Six Forks Chapel, Smiths, South River, Topsail, Wallace, Westminster, White Plains, Wildwood, Winter Park.

Winston-Salem

Bethel, Beulah, Carson Memorial, Dacotah, Ebenezer, Foster Memorial, Geo. W. Lee Memorial, Gillespie, Glade Valley, Hills, Lansing, Laurel Fork, Loggins, Millers, North Wilkesboro, Obids, Peak Creek, Pine Hall, Rogers Memorial, Waughtown, Yadkinville.

STATISTICS PREPAIRED
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at the Infirmary totaled 2196 and was more than usual in 1933, because of a persistent sojourn of measles. All told, there were 90 cases. During the year there were 11 tonsil operations, 362 teeth filled, and 138 teeth pulled by dentists. "No telling how many more were pulled that we knew nothing about," said an official. One child, who came to the Orphanage during 1933, was sent to the State Sanatorium with tuberculosis. A rigid examination was given every child, and this was the only active case at the Orphanage.

One death occurred at Barium during 1933—the first since the summer of 1926, which means that there was a period of seven years in which no death was recorded in this closely segregated group that has averaged 325 children during that period of time.

Sunday Schools

Evidently many of the treasurers of the Sunday Schools are holding the contributed funds until a later date, to send several offerings at one time for both the number of Sunday Schools and the amounts were less this month than previously. The total which arrived from this group during January was $1,058.26, about one-third of the total regular receipts. Generally the Sunday Schools give around 40% of the monthly income.

Offsetting this small decrease in Sunday School giving, as compared to that of December, was the welcoming of a half-dozen Sunday Schools into the folds of regular givers. Last month, a contribution had been received from one new Sunday School, and announcement was made that three others had adopted the plan of a Sunday-per-month offering.

Two of those three mentioned reported for the first time this month, and in addition to these two, four others sent in offerings, most of them stating that this plan would be a regular procedure with them. (And on February 1st another arrived, but you will be told about this one and others next month.)

New Sunday Schools giving this month were Fifth Creek, McKinnon, and Taylorsville in Concord Presbytery; Glenwood and Mebane in Orange, and Holly Grove in Wilmington.

Last month the question was asked, "Are there any more?" That is repeated this time in this manner, ARE THERE ANY MORE?

The record of the meals served by the Sunday School gifts so far are as follows;

June	8,252
July	9,425
August	13,238
September	13,419
October	12,678
November	10,717
December	11,519
January	10,583
February	?
March	?

ANNUAL REPORT IS MADE
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crops were not so good as usual, due to the extremely dry summer, but to offset that, our winter has been unusually mild, and it has taken less feed stuff to keep our stock in good condition.

The Lord has been good to us, and as a result, our per capita cost is less, and we are just afraid that the fact that this cost is down to its present low level, will in the future work a hardship against us. In the future it may be a question whether or not we can afford to spend more money on health than we did this year; more money on food, or clothing, or any of these various items that we were so successful in carrying through at a low level this year!

Our failure to keep up the routine repairs to our dormitories, we feel sure, will be reflected in our rating as an institution; and we may not occupy the top as we have for the last two years in the rating in the two Carolinas.

During the year, we have not been able to make any improvement in the buildings as to safety or comfort. We have increased the amount and variety of the fruit grown for the Orphanage, and the truck-farming. We have made some improvements in our health program, but this is due to the liberality of our physician, more than it is to an increased outlay.

We feel that in our school we have made a distinct step backward. The endeavor to crowd in eight months what we had been doing in nine previously, is not working any particular hardship on the well prepared child who has not had to be absent from school; but those who were just clinging on, and who have had to lose from two weeks to a month on account of illness, are due to receive a bump at the end of the year. They will not be promoted.

All this is reflected as a saving in the financial column, but we wonder how it will stack up in the bookkeeping for that individual child? A year of opportunity lost! and there's nothing we can do about it.

The indications are that we will end the church year without a further deficit, and that certainly is a cause for rejoicing. If our thankfulness over this condition results in increased liberality and a determination to restore to our institution some of the things of which it has been deprived in the years of stress, then it will truly be a time of thanksgiving. But if our response to the report is a tendency to fix the income at the present low point then we need to view the present situation as a calamity. A calamity even greater than the accumulation of further debt.

RECEIPTS IN JANUARY
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ahead.

Granville is 29 cents behind.
Orange is 13¼ cents behind.
Wilmington is 2½ cents ahead.
Fayetteville is 1 cent ahead.
The whole Synod is 4⅓ cents behind.

From the above, it is seen that Concord has the distinction of being farther ahead of any others by an increase of ten cents per church member.

NEWS FROM SOME OF THE COTTAGES

BABY COTTAGE

How did the month of December and Santa find you? It found us with very much joy and laughter. Santa certainly was good to everyone at the Baby Cottage. Mama Girt, her two sisters and son went to Florida the week before Christmas to spend a few days. We missed her very much but were glad to have Miss Mary Brown for our matron while she was away.

There were many visitors at our cottage during Christmas. Among them were Mrs. L. M. Coffey, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. R. L. Setzer, Ruth Spencer, Mrs. W. A. Spencer and many others.

Just a little while before Christmas Mr. Jackins was real kind to make two trips to town for the purpose of taking us to see Santa Claus and all the town decorations. The first time he took the boys and the next time, the girls.

While we were up town, Mr. Culbreth invited us to come in and see him for a few minutes. He entertained with ice cream and also weighed all of the boys.

During the holidays all of the Barium folks were invited to the movies. Since the big girls didn't get to see Santa Claus we stayed at home and let them go.

There are two cowboys at the Baby Cottage now, and do they have a big time lassoing and shooting!

Our cottage has some apples and popcorn which Mr. Clark and the truck farm boys brought us.

Some ladies from Hickory brought us bath towels and a five-pound box of chocolate candy, for which we thank them very much.

Annie Lou McKee, one of the former Baby Cottage girls, was over to see us Saturday.

Mr. Johnston and the doctor from the North Carolina Sanatorium "punched" everyone for tuberculosis who had never been punched before. About six of us little ones had to have this done to us, but only two of us cried because it hurt so much.

We thank the Sunbeam Circle of the Olivia Presbyterian Church for the pretty sunbonnet quilt they sent us.—The Babies.

ANNIE LOUISE

Happy New Year to the readers of The Barium Messenger!

We hope you had as happy a Christmas as we did. Our Christmas tree was beautiful with all of its toys and presents. Santa Claus was good to us. He remembered everyone of us. We are all taking sewing lessons because of the sewing boxes we received. At present, we are making doll dresses. We got up real early on Christmas morning and sang some of the Christmas carols.

We have all started back to school and are studying real hard, trying to get on the honor roll from now until school is out. We studied mighty hard before Christmas, when we were preparing for mid-term exams

Last month we had Miss Stevenson for our matron while Miss Miller was with her sick brother in Camden, S. C. We enjoyed having Miss Stevenson. Miss Miller returned a short time ago to resume her work here.

Agnes and Grace Coppedge

LEES

Christmas vacation is over and we have started back to school.

Many thanks for all of the nice presents we received. We have certainly enjoyed them.

During the holidays some of the boys almost wore out the sidewalks skating with the new skates they received.

All of our apples have been eaten so we are having popcorn instead. We have a good time popping it.

Some of the boys still have some of the candy they received at Christmas. We don't see how they make it last so long. What we received, and what was given most of the other boys, disappeared a long time ago.

Jessie Roper, who graduated last year, visited Mrs. Lackey for a time during the Christmas season. We were glad to see her again.

William Cranfill's aunt came to see him Christmas.

The mother and sister of Julius Kinard came to see him.

Others who enjoyed visits from their mothers included Clarence Roberts and Watt and Horace Mills.

HOWARD

January

We hope your Christmas was as enjoyable as ours. Old Santa came and brought us skates, dolls, tams, scarfs, etc. We are making good use of them.

You should have seen us skating Christmas day. Some had new skates and some had the skates which Santa brought them last year. Altogether there was quite a crowd going up and down the sidewalks.

We were glad to have several of the teachers at our Christmas tree this year. Some of them were late getting away for the holidays. Miss Greene, our music teacher, taught us some new songs and played them

1932-33, while Granville is further behind, the giving of this Presbytery being 29 cents less than what it was on January 31, 1933.

for us at our tree.

We thank the folks who gave us fruits and candies for Christmas, as well as all the other things that made our day a happy one.

Miss Wood's sister sent a radio for her Christmas present, and we all have been enjoying it.

Ernestine Garrett's mother spent Christmas day with her.

We thank Mr. Sams for the two pictures to which he invited us during the Christmas holidays. We are always glad to have the opportunity of seeing a picture.

Sadie Mills, Thelma Roberts, Glenn Linsday, Lucile Johnston, Lilly McDonald, Flora May Newman, and Vittoria Salvaggio all enjoyed visits from some of their relatives during the holidays.

We have enjoyed popping and eating the popcorn which Mr. Clark brought us. —The Skaters

February

Another month of school has passed and there are just three more to go! Unless some of us make better reports next month, we will be in the same grade this time next year. Somebody had better get to work.

Mrs. Hay and her Sunday School class of Hickory made the Howard girls an applique counterpane and also sent us some goods to make another one. Each of the larger girls is going to have a part in making it. Grace Shroyer likes to do hand work. She made an applique counterpane last summer and is embroidering one now.

Mr. Sams invited us to see "Alice in Wonderland." We thank you, Mr. Sams. We always enjoy going to the Playhouse.

Miss Woods' sister, Miss Lena of Charlotte, spent last week-end with her.

—Francis Morgan.

INFIRMARY

Hope all of you had a nice Christmas and that the new year began in fine style for you.

Santa was rather good to all of us, and we appreciate, very much, the lovely gifts that were sent to all of the girls in the Infirmary.

We have enjoyed having Mrs. Nash with us this fall while Miss Moore has been away on vacation. Miss Moore has returned from her home in Nebraska, where she stayed about three months. She reported that she had a nice time. We are glad to have her back with us.

Mrs. Nash's daughter, Mable Claire Nash, who is a student at Mitchell College in Statesville, spent a week-end with us recently. We were very glad to have her and hope that she can come again.

Hurrah! We're through with the measles at last. At least, we don't have any cases while this is being written.

We've been holding the annual health clinic. Dr. H. F. Easom, of the State Sanatorium was here for a few days, and Dr. Herman, our physician, has been a mighty regular visitor during the mornings for several weeks. We enjoyed having both of them with us.

Questionnaire

Editor's Note: Do not look at these questions until you have read all of The Messenger. How many can you answer?

1. What old belief was knocked for several somersaults at Barium last year, and why? Ans. Pg. 1, Col. 4.
2. What should be the slogan of all organizations this year? Ans. Pg. 2, Col. 1.
3. What's the three-fold aim of the Synodical Orphanage Secretary and when it is scheduled to reach its peak? Ans. Pg. 3, Cols. 4 & 5.
4. What portion of the total regular receipts at Barium last month did the Sunday Schools contribute? Ans. Pg. 4, Col. 3.
5. How much did the Barium moving pictures cost one man who wasn't a Presbyterian? Ans. Pg. 2, Col. 5.
6. How did the diner find the piece of pie? Ans. Pg. 3, Col. 5.
7. How many churches must give $8,783.50 to equal last year's total? Ans. Pg. 1, Col. 2.
8. Which way is the church looking? Ans. Pg. 2, Cols. 3 & 4.
9. How much money and how many friends gave toward publishing The Barium Messenger last month? Ans. Pg. 3, Col. 1.
10. What would happen if 2,000 Presbyterians gave $5.00 a month to Barium for a year? Ans. Pg. 2, Col. 3.
11. What are treasurers asked to do immediately after March 31st? Ans. Pg. 2, Cols. 1 & 2.
12. What Presbytery has shown the greatest increase in giving per church member during 1933-34? Ans. Pg. 1, Col. 5.
13. How many Sunday Schools started giving regularly to Barium last month? Ans. Pg. 4, Col. 3.
14. What department at Barium has taken a distinct step backward? Ans. Pg. 4, Col 3. (article starts on Pg. 1, Col. 3.)
15. For what are the two boxes on the front page to be used? The answer is up to you.